

Jacksonville Ala  
Nov. 17. 1902.

Dear Jessie

I received your letter some days ago and had the pleasure of reading one to your Mother yesterday. I infer from both these letters that you are pleased with your position, although your work is hard and you have very little time for rest. You must strive right in the beginning of your life-work, to make each duty a pleasure instead of a slavish task. Some of the happiest hours of my life were spent in the school-room. I sincerely hope you will love the work and have great success as a Teacher. I am very glad to know that you are so pleasantly and so comfortably situated at your boarding house, and also that you have made so many pleasant acquaintances and have fully identified yourself with your own Church, however, you must not forget that Grand Ma has a church there too, and expects you to take an occasional peep at the Old Presbyterian flock.

The rain has come at last and we have had a



regular down-pour to-day. Sam's Uncle Ed has been quite busy all day straining up his wine and vinegar this is his first experience in wine making and I think it will be all vinegar. Mary Joe was in this morning and spoke for your white shawl, did you take it with you? She wants it for her wedding trip. She is quite busy now making her dress. I see Edith Amelia and Kate almost every day. Kate has spent one night with us since you left. Loney and Avery pass on their way to school every day, all are very well.

Mr and Mrs. Alday paid us a visit last week, she, as usual brought beautiful flowers for Emma Alday's grave. Don't you think it very sweet in her? Mr Liston has just left - yesterday was his day with us and he gave us a lovely present the very best he has ever given us. I have not seen your friend Gertrude since you left, in passing to church last night I saw a light in the parlor, guess Joe was there. Mrs Stevenson has rented the Dormitory and will move into it soon. George Farlick's arrival from Texas last night surprised every body. John Burke was Tell Hopkins' Company to church last night, he marched her up to a front seat and made himself quite conspicuous but he



behaved all right. Tuesday morning — Mary Joe has just come  
in to take her lesson she and your Aunt Mat are chatting by the fire  
while I proceed to finish this letter, such a change in the weather  
that we all feel like drawing near the fire. I received a long  
letter from Jessie Woods a few days ago, she advised me to send  
your cloak to the "Southern Dye House" Atlanta, which I have  
done and hope they will have it ready for wear before the  
real winter weather sets in. I hope you will be very prudent  
in regard to your health, never expose yourself unnecessarily,  
don't be too busy to keep up your throat treatment. Remember if  
your throat fails, your work will stop. I presume you still hear  
from Myra but she never sends a word to us. Joy to be as  
sweet and pleasant to Ruth as she is to you. Remember  
me very kindly to Mrs. Randall and family and also to  
Ruth. May God bless you in all things and give you great  
success in your work is the prayer of

Your Grandma

M. D. Caldwell

Write at least once a week  
if it be only a few lines.